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Friendship Baptist Church,
Monroe, N. C., Oct. 15, 1919

The Zion Missionary Baptist Association met today in its Forty Seventh Annual Session, with the Friendship Church as hostess. Rev. J. E. P. Little, Moderator, presiding.

The Moderator lined the opening hymn, "Come Holy Spiri Heavely Dove," etc.

Rev J. C. Covington led us to a rich throne of heavenly grace in prayer.

Rev. W. H. Horne, accompanied by Rev. Wm. Allen, ascended the rostrum to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. Allen lined hymn 248, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound," etc.

Rev Horne read as a Scripture lesson St. John 16:1-15. Prayer by "Father Ratliff." Second hymn 293 C. M.

Rev. Horne announced as a text for the occasion St. John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Subject: "The promise." The speaker urged upon and admonished us to have peace in our homes, in the Church, in the State, in the nation, and with God. "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," etc., was sung, and Rev. A. B. Moore led in a soul stiring prayer. Collection $16.50.

Benediction by Rev. A. C. Chambers.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled, the Moderator presiding.

Rev. James Horne conducted the praise services, as follows: Singing "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc. Prayer by Deacon J. C. Cason. The praise service being ended, the Moderator made some very timely remarks and announced the house ready for business.

Roll called, names of delegates enrolled. See roll.

Dr. A. M. Barrett, of Barrett Collegiate and Industrial Institute, was presented. He made complimentary rematks of the Moderator, Rev. J. Ratliff, and the Association.

He said, in part, that he was proud of all, but peculiarly proud of Rev. Little. He had been his tutor in literary advantages and in theology. He said further that Rev. Little belonged to us, but he was his boy also.

At this hour, Rev. W. H. Horne, the Vice-Moderator, assumed the chair, and singing a verse, with appropriate and well fitting words, introduced Rev. Little to deliver his annual address.

The address was filled with wholesome and sound doctrine. For further information, see the address.

ADDRESS OF THE MODERATOR.

Monroe, N. C., Oct. 17, 1919

To the Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Zion Association.
Beloved Brethren and Friends:

It is the gracious favor of Divine Providence that we are permitted to meet in this forty-seventh annual session of the Zion Missionary Association. We should be indeed thankful to Almighty God for the preservation of our lives, though hundreds, yea, thousands passed into the beyond during the epidemic of last fall and winter. Only one link of our ministerial chain has been broken by death; therefore, we should be profoundly grateful, and so live that our lives may renound to the glory of God. Furthermore, we can rejoice for the harmony, peace and prosperty that this Association has enjoyed during the past year. No where in the State of North Carolina is there to be found a more devoted people than are to be found in this Association. Strife and discord are unknown except that noble strife as to who can give the best service to God. For the benefit of His people our condition is most encouraging.

We may well unite with the Psalmist in his exaltation and joy. He exclaimed, beautiful for situation the joy of the whole earth is Mt. Zion. We feel justified in inviting all who will, to come and go with us; that we may dwell above the clouds of turmoil and angry strife. Up where the Son of peace and prosperity continually shines away; where unrest and Bolshevicism is unknown.

EDUCATION.—Now, in regard to our educational campaign, which is now on in Zion's field, let us put forth every effort to raise the amount needed, and specified by our Trustee Board. Our success will be in proportion to our preparation; therefore, every pastor should so

master the plan that when the campaign is on, he will be a wise general, directing forces under his command in the most orderly and effective manner and, thereby achieving the largest good. And, as one writer has said, "to every man there openeth a high way and low way, and every man decideth the way his soul shall go." It is true not only with the individual, families, organizations and nations themselves. Human beings going down and up the great highway of life must meet at the crossroads—the place of great dicisions. Nations intrusted with the wealth and treasures, and the future goodness and worth of millions of humans, must decide the way their souls shall go. It is for us as christians and a race to support our schools in order to train our youth to make intelligent decisions when they shall have come to the crossroads in life. We must keep our feet on the path and our faces towards the sun despite doubts and fears; and even disaster we must keep our hearts strong and our faith abiding and, in the end we shall have satisfaction and peace. In our preparation we should also seek to create an attitude of expectancy. The fact that all of our churches are to engage in this effort at the same time will help in this direction. Our slogan should be that of the great Missionary, William Carey, "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." One of the chief difficulties we have to face in our work is expectancy. We shall have made a good start towards success if during these days of preparation we can lift the church to the point of expectancy; for not until the church reaches this point will it likely undertake great things for God. Another important part in making our preparation is creating a spiritual atmosphere and climate. The great need of the hour is an awakened church. We must seek to bring our people into such intimate relationship with the Master that their hearts will be filled with a mighty compassion. When this compassion fills the heart the natural thing is for Andrew to find his brother and bring him to Jesus. How are we to bring about this condition? First, let the pastor be sure of his own consecration, and then let him roll the burden of his campaign upon the hearts of his people. Our own earnestness will be a source of inspiration to our people for they will not likely be moved to effort in any way unless they see our work is stained with the very blood of our souls. Our interest in the campaign must be such that it expresses itself to God in a form that makes our brother's needs our own. Lord have mercy upon me and my brother is uneducated, should be the burden of our prayer. And then the plan of the campaign and the end we seek must be put upon the hearts of the people. Every Sunday School teacher, office leader and, if possible, every church member. Thus will our church become indeed militant; not satisfied to hold the forts but rather capturing the forts where sin is fortified, and regaining the sacred treasures of our Lord.

We must not forget that prayer should have a large place in our preparation; we and our people must wrestle with the angel of the Lord until we have power with God and man. Therefore, we must exhort our people to prayer without ceasing. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." This is Christ's challenge to the church. If we will throw ourselves out on this one promise and become all it demands we shall witness again the coming of our Lord in power.

MISSIONS.—We are coming to believe that the average minister pays too little attention to the great problem of missions. From every quarter we hear of the lack of interest in missions, and the gifts fall off and the pastors tell his people that money is so tight the church can hard ly meet its current expenses. Now, the strange thing about this situation, is the fact that when when properly informed people go before such churches and explains the conditions, needs and value of definite missionary enterprises, those same people give the money.

The American Missionary is an appeal to ministers to tell the story of missions to their own people, and not leave it for National secretaries to do. The article goes on to say every true pastor seeks to develop his church as a positive force for the extension of Christ's kingdom on earth. He is not content to make it a mere preaching station. He considers his work only begun when he has delivered his sermons. He is no mere reacher. He is a captain of the host; organizing and leading it in the most effective way possible. Win world wide victories for Christ. No minister should permit himself to fall into a state of self pity. To do so is to lose the respect and confidence of other hard working men.

To accomplish this end he must keep his church thoroughly informed as to that part of the great work which his denomination has undertaken. What is it actually doing to evangelize America and the world? How can that particular local church help it to do more? Ignorance kindles no enthusiasm. Lack of knowledge makes a dead church. If a church is to be eager to help along the larger work, it must know about it, and in sufficient detail to have a vivid conception of it. The successful pastor is the one who makes sure that his church is fully informed about every department of the great common work. He is not content with telling that their missionary apportionment is so much, and letting them give blindly to it. Offerings for an apportipnment will eventually shrink and shrivel unless a church is kept constantly posted as the work being done in every department. Some pastors hesitate to give much attention to missionary service beyond their own parishes, fearing it may diminish collections for the home expenses. This is a great mistake. The way to increase the offering for our home expenses is to give the church a big broad view of the whole world-wide field, and help it to realize that it is engaged with it's sister churches in a big work worth doing.

CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.—We are living today in the greatest period ever known to the world—the period of reconstruction—when conditions are re-adjusting themselves to the normal. During these days of testing we must not forget to practice the virtue of patince, and not to expect that every wrong will be righted in a day. But we should joyfully labor and wait.

RECOMMENDATIONS.—I would recommend that the Association stand loyally by our State work. Further, I would recommend that we encourage the ministry that they better fit themselves for their chosen profession.

I would again recommend that we encourage our people to educate themselves everywhere.

I would further recommend that we practice patience, forbearance, thrift, and encourage our people to hold to these virtues as a precious jewel.

J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator.

After the address Dr. Barrett, being electrified, spontaneously responded, and gave $1.00.

The address was referred to the following committee: Revs. B. B. Sturdivant, J. W. Diggs, J. W. Hawkins, J. F. Davis and V. B. R. Bowman.

Executive Board made its annual report. The report was received, but not adopted; therefore is not printed.

The Treasurer made his report. The report was received and later adopted. See report elsewhere. Collection $4.68.

Benediction by Rev. J. Ratliff.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled, Rev. Little, the Moderator, presiding.

The local committee rendered the following programme:

Music by the choir. Invocation by Rev. R. Diggs. Solo by Mrs. Minnie Simons.

Prof. J. N. Brown, representing the educational interest of the city, in a most intelligent manner, extended a welcome to the Association. This speech was a strong plea for an industrial and Christian education.

Solo by Mrs. Irena Davis.

Rev. G. W. Hunter of the A. M. E. Zion Church, in a very eloquent speech, extended the hospitality of the Ministerial Union of the city. He said, in part, that the ministers of Monroe were together—one in purpose and in aim.

Solo and quortette by Rev. S. M. Chapel and others.

Rev. J. W. Hawkins, that kind, broad hearted and genial christian pastor, in a very enthusiastic manner, extended a welcome in behalf of the ministers. He said he welcomed the ministers for what they stand for.

Music by the choir.

Rev. Dr. Allen, in a happy mood, and in his jovial way, responded to the address. He assured the pastor and congregation that all they had extended were heartily accepted.

Solo by Mrs. Odessa Levister. This ended the program.

Rev. J. C. Ellerbee asked that we pay $50.00 tonight. Collection $35.25.

A collection of $16.46 was taken and gave to one Mrs. Charlie Reid. This sister is an invalid, and deserved the charity of the Association. She offered to pay 15c. in the collection, but was substituted by Rev. A. B. Moore 25c.

The following distinguished visitors were introduced, accorded seats of welcome in the Association, and also made remarks: Prof. J. N. Brown, Principal of the Graded School, Revs. G.W. Hunter of the A. M. E. Zion Church, M. G. Crumpler of Monroe, O E. Saunders of the Presbyterian Church, J. C. Covington, pastor Ebenezer Church, Wadesboro, A. S. McGowin of the M. E. Church, and W. L. Liles, C. M. E. Church. Benediction by Rev. B. J. Sturdivant.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Sharp at 9:50 a. m., the Association assembled with the Moderator in the chair, presiding, who requested Bros. S. S. Bennett and J, D. Biles to conduct the praise services.

They conducted the services as follows: Hymn No. 150, "Father I stretch my hands to thee," etc,

Prayer by Rev. B. J. Sturdivant.

Bro. Bennett read as a Scripture lesson Ez. 18:1-20.

Hymn No. 131, "O for a closer walk with God," was sung, and the Holy Spirit moved upon our hearts.

The Moderator in his opening remarks, fully set forth the work for today in a very effective manner, and announced the house ready for business.

On motion the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and adopted.

Mrs. Lucy Thompson of Winston-Salem, N. C., was introduced, and spoke for the Orphan Home.

Bro. Copley of the Presbyterian Church was introduced. He made remarks.

On motion Rev. Dr. Allen, fraternal messenger from the Philadelphia-Yadkin Association, be allowed to present a proposition from the above named body. On motion the greetings, together with the proposition, be received.

Drs. P. F. Malloy and P. M. Mayfield, pastors of Elizabeth M , and St. Paul, Charlotte, respectively, were presented to the Association and made welcome.

Each brother made remarks.

Revs. B. B. Sturdivant, B. J. Parsons, J. C. Ellerbee, J. F. Davis and J. W. Diggs were appointed committee on Conference with Rev. R. Allen, respecting league of Association on the school project.

Rev. P. L. Alexander of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was recognized and was made welcome. Also Rev, Heritage of Charlotte, N. C., and Dr. G. W. Watkins of Raleigh. All brethren made remarks. Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Wm. Allen.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened with the Moderator in the chair. Singing. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Marshall.

Rev. A. B. Moore ascended the rostrum. After making some remarks, announced as a text St. Matthew 25:46, ',And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." Rev. Moore preached a very spiritual sermon. We were made to feel that it is far better to be watching and waiting for the Master.

Prayer by Rev C H Heritage.

Rev. Dr. Watkins conducted a very helpful and instructive institute for the benefit of the ministers.

Through the several passages of Scripture he had read, he showed the four essential elements in the ministry, viz : The calling; the commission; the responsibility and the reward.

All who heard this lecture were highly benefitted.

Truly Dr. Watkins is a great man.

After singing one verse of "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," etc., Dr. P. F. Malloy lifted a collection for missions amounting to $25.00.

A collection was lifted for one blind man, Rev. Heritage, amounting to $9.50.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled, with the Moderator presiding. Dr. Watkins, through the assistance of a magic lantern, showed many of the pioneer workers in the State, and many scenes in Africa and Haiti.

"What a wonderful change in my heart has been wrought," etc., was effectively sung.

Prayer by Dr. Allen. Rev. Quick in well fitting words, introduced Dr. Watkins to preach a sermon.

Dr. Watkins, after making some preliminary remarks, announced as a text Heb. 1:1, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the fathers by the Prophets."

This was a sermon in defence that God will speak to his children. The sermon was a strong one, and was enjoyed by all present. Prayer by Dr. Mayfield. General collection $37.75. Collection for Dr. Watkins' automobile $7.36.

Committee on Conference with Dr. Allen, made its report. See elsewhere for report.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion the report of this committee be printed in circular letter form and sent to all the churches concerned.

Song, Long Metre Doxology. Bendiction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled with the Moderator presiding.

Rev. W. K. Bennett conducted the praise service, as follows: Hymn No. 295, "And can I yet delay?" Scripture lesson Ps. 143rd division. Prayer by Rev. R. S, Tanner. Singing hymn No. 376. Prayer by Rev. V. B. R. Bowman.

The Moderator assumed the chair and announced the house open and ready for business. He urged, in his opening remarks, that we abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us.

By motion the minutes of the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and adopted.

Committees on officers, on new bodies and on place, reported. See report.

Nicy Grove was named in the committees' report as the meeting place of the next Association, but by substitute motion the place was changed to Sandy Ridge.

Rev. M. McDaniel of Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Cary Dabney, State Missionary for Women's Home Mission Convention, were introduced and accorded seats of welcome. They each made some timely remarks.

Committee on State and Condition of the Country reported. Report adopted.

The Auditor O. K. the Treasurer's report, and the same was adopted.

Revs. J. N. Bennett, R. Diggs, B. J. Sturdivant and W. B. Pratt. All made remarks. While the brethren talked our hearts burned with the Holy Spirit, and we could say as did the Apostle Peter, "It was good for us to be here."

The Ordaining Board reported. See report. Report adopted.

On motion the Union Meeting will convene with Nicy Grove Baptist Church, Wingate, N. C., Friday before the 5th Sunday in Nov., 1919. Rev. W. B. Pratt to preach the introductory sermon.

The following brethren will represent us in different Associations as fraternal messengers: Rev J F Davis, Lanes Creek Association; Rev B B Sturdivant, Phil-Yadkin Association 1920; Rev W L Butler, St. Paul Association; Rev W K Bennett, Big Pee Dee Association; Rev H I Quick, Union Association; Rev J E P Little, delegate State Convention, Charlotte, N. C.

On motion Rev J F Davis, Bros. A L Leak and G W Baucum be the three plenipotentiaries named in committee's report on Conference to meet at the First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, on Thanksgiving Day at 10 o'clock a. m.

Rev J H Dixion of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Bro. and Sister J W Huntley and Bro. and Sister C. W. Huntley of Piney Grove Bap. Church, were recognized and made welcome.

Collection $12.70.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. After announcing the house ready for business, Mrs A C Robinson, President of the local Union of the Women's Home Mission

Convention was presented, and she came forth with a sweet mes sage, brimming full of love from her heart, and graced the Association with a splendid paper. Subject: "Set the way marks towards the highway." To say she treated this subject as one possessed with a master mind is putting it mildly. She presented the Association with $15.00 from the Home Mission Society, and requested that the women be given a space on the program of our Association.

Prof. G W Baucum made the acceptance speech in a dignified and very pleasing manner.

On motion we tender the Women's Convention a vote of thanks for their kind donation.

The Finance Committee made their report. Report adopted. Rev. Dr. Mayfield, accompanied by Rev. Davis and others, filled the stand to preach the closing sermon.

Rev. Davis lined hymn No. 416, "Awake my soul stretch every nerve," etc.

Prayer by Rev G W Hunter. Second hymn No. 417, "Am I a soldier of the cross," etc.

After being introduced by Rev. Davis, Dr. Mayfield arose and preached a soul-stiring sermon from the text, Job 21:15, "What is the Almighty that we should serve him? and what profit should we have if we pray unto him?"

Subject: "God will answer prayer."

This divine spoke only 20 minutes; and while he talked to us of God's word, our hearts overflowed with joy and our eyes with tears. Rev W. K. Bennett led in a fervent prayer. Collection $13.50.

On motion we turn a vote of thanks to Friendship Church, Pastor, the City of Monroe, and in fact, all who had anything to do with making our happiness a certainty while here.

Benediction by Dr. Mayfield.

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator.

A. L. LEAK, Clerk.

REPORTS

Ordaining Board's Report.—We, the Ordaining Board, wish to submit the following report: 1st. We wish to thank you for the confidence imposed in us. We wish also to say we have answered every call of the churches and tried to give satisfaction to the churches under the circumstances in which we were called, and through the kind Providence of God each member of the Board has returned again to you to answer to the roll call.

Though our journey has been through the most eventful year known to the human family. Taking under consideration every thing that goes to make up the evil and the good, this has been the crowning year. Our ears are constantly saluted with tentative eruptions of the social business and political relations of mankind, and especially do our prayers go up to God for deliverance from mob violence, race riots, and all other riots, and ushering in of a universal peace so beautifully portrayed in the introductory sermon. We wish to serve notice again on the churches that they stand in danger of getting on hand an over-crop of premature Elders by ordaining the Board to ordain without regard to examination. Our report of work is as follows:

On the 18th of July, Rev M C Little was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry.

On the ____of June, Rev J L Chambers was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry.

On the 16th of Oct., 1919, the Board met for the purpose of examining Bros. N. H. Redfearn and H. H. Henry. We proceeded to examine them on their Christian experience and call to the ministry.

Bro. Redfearn making 45 per cent, and Bro. Henry making 53 2-11 per cent. We recommend that they continue their studies until the Union. We further recommend Revs. B. J. Sturdivant and D A Covington be placed on Superanuated Roll.

Very respectfully, the Board,

Rev. B. J. Parsons, Chairman

Rev. J. F. Davis, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Credits—By balance brought forward		$ 91.44
Nov., By cash received at Association,		437.45
Dec. 29, By cash " at Union Meeting		75.59
Mar. 29, By cash " at " "		86.92
June 29, By cash " at " "		80.72
	Total Credits -	$772.12

Disbursements—

Order No. 1	Marsh-Jones Hard'e, Sup'lies,Z.A.	$25.20
" " 2	Essic Sturdivant, Flint Ridge Sexton,	1.00
" " 3	P.M.Mayfield, donation, Frendship Col.	4.55
" " 4	G. W. Watkins, State Missions	15.35
" " 5	J R Ratliff, Moderator, service	5.00
" " 6	A L Leak, Sec'y, Minutes & Literature	72.31
" " 7	J C Cason, donation, Madison Grove Church	10.00
" " 8	J F Davis, donation, State & Foreign Missions	73.58
" " 9	Richmond Sturdivant, donation, Brown Creek Ch.	10.00
" " 10	G W Baucum, Cor. Sec., service and expenses	22.29
" " 11	B B Sturdivant, Treas., donation	5.00
" " 12	A L Leak, expenses Executive Committee	13.04
" " 13	B J Parsons, expenses Ordaining Board	3.00
" " 14	G W Baucum, Zion School Fund	100.00
" " 15	Wm. Johnson, Sexton, New Zion	2.00
" " 16	W Y Henson, donation	2.00
" " 17	J T Ratliff, Sec. Union Meeting	2.30
" " 18	B J Parsons, Moderator, Union Meeting	2.60
" " 19	C C Horne, donation, New Zion Church	10.00
" " 20	J Ratliff, donation	6.94
" " 21	R Diggs, donation	6.95
" " 22	D S Saulters, donation, Jubilee	2.05
" " 23	A B Moore, donation Teal's Chapel	6.05
" " 24	B J Parsons, Moderator, Union Meeting	2.00
" " 25	J T Ratliff, Sec., Union Meeting	3.50
" " 26	G S McCoy, Sexton, Sandy Ridge	2.00
" " 27	W Y Henson, donation	5.25
" " 28	J Ratliff, donation	3.00
" " 29	R B McCoy, donation, Sandy Ridge Church	5.00
" " 30	J F Davis, donation	2.50
" " 31	B J Parsons, Wadesboro Union Meeting	1.50

"	" 32	J T Ratliff, Sec'y, Union Meeting	2.00
"	" 33	John Rorie, Sexton, Cedar Creek	1.50
"	" 34	E H Horne, donation, Chambers Grove Church	10.27
"	" 35	J T Ratliff, publishing committee's report	1.50
"	" 36	W R Rorie, donation, Cedar Creek Church	2.75
"	" 37	J Ratliff, donation	2.75

Total Debits - - $446.73
Balance in Treasury - $325.39

B. B. Sturdivant, Treasurer.

I have examined the above report of the Treasurer, and it is O. K.

J. C. Cason, Auditor.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.

The committee on the Condition of the Country desires to report. Mr. President, we, the Zion Association, are meeting this year, surrounded with varied circumstances and conditions. Twelve months ago when we met at Flint Ridge, 13,000,000 of our young men were wearing the colors. 2,500,000 were over seas. Others were in the camps, being trained to fight for a cause which they believed to be right; and millions more were assisting in various ways. Some with money, some with work, some with food and others in different ways, but all for one common cause. Therefore let us drop the bone of contention and hatred and work for one common good. In this day of unrest, let us think well what we shall say, and then do well what we have thought. Yes, every means of help have been employed, from the prayer meeting room to the halls of Congress.

Yes, the world's war has been fought to a tragic ending in favor of the allied forces, and kingdoms of autocracy have fallen and crumbled. Therefore we feel that the time is fully ripe for an all round education.

The head, the heart and the hand should be trained to love and serve God and to do by others as we would that they should do to us. Our minds should be trained to be free thinkers; for with the mind men believe unto righteousness (an error, Rom. 10:10) and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. The hand should be trained to work and to regard all work as

being honorable; so let us stand loyal to our educational work and not be a slacker. We believe in union and organization, but we do not believe in strikes. Let us strive to cultivate a friendly relation with all races.

We denounce lynch law that is so prevalent in the Southland. Therefore let us warn our people to shun the very appearance of evil, and those crimes that gives strength to the lynch law. When this is done it will not be long until prophecy will be fulfilled which saith, "Princes shall come out of Egypt; Etheopia shall stretch out her hands unto God.

Respectfully submitted, Committee

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON NEW BODIES.

We, your Committee on New Bodies, beg leave to report the following: After examining Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Marshville. Also the St. Paul Baptist Church at Charlotte. We recommend that they become members in full of the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted, Committee

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, beg leave to report. We recommend that the next session of Zion Association will convene with the Nicy Grove Baptist Church of Wingate, N. C. The Association changed the place to Sandy Ridge to which we agree. Rev. R. S. Tanner to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. M. C. Little, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted, Committee.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR P. O. AND AMOUNT PAID IN UNION MEETING.

	Rep. Fee $
Bethel—G A Richardson, Norwood, N. C.	
Brown Creek—C R Smith, Route 1, Polkton, N C	4 50
Cedar Cr'k—J P Phillips, Route A, Wad'sboro, N.C., Domi'try $2	4 50
Chilson Grove—Mrs Mary Diggs, Lilesville, N C	3 00
Chambers' Grove—J G Gaddy, Route 3, Box 35, Marshville, N.C.	2 50
Cool Springs—W C Melton, Morven, N C.	2 00
Deep Creek—J P Huntley, Route 3, Peachland, N C	13 57
Ebenezer—G W Crowder, Wadesboro, N C	3 00
Flizabeth M—W T Gatewood, Monroe, N C	6 00
Elizabeth P D—Miss M J Robinson, Route 1, Pee Dee, N C	2 00
Fletcher's Grove—Mrs Florence Shaw, Route 1, McColl, S C	5 51
Flint Ridge—O L Tanner, Route 3, Box 69, Marshville, N C	5 00
Friendship—W M Corthren, Monroe, N C	3 00
Long Pine—S A Covington, Route 1, Box 35, Ruby, S C	3 25
Madison Grove—A L Leak, Route A, Box 52, Wadesboro, N C	4 70
Meltonsville—K D Crowder, Route 3, Peachland, N C	2 00
McLain Grove—Cyrus Ratliff, Route 1, McFarlan, N C	2 00
Mt. Zion—F D Sturdivant, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	4 25
New Zion—Jas R Alsobrooks, Route 2, Peachland, N C	4 00
New Grove—M P Bennett, Route 1, Polkton, N C	4 25
Nicy Grove—G W Ashcraft, Route 1, Box 196, Marshville, N C	6 00
Olive Branch—W F Hubbard, Route 4, Marshville, N C	1 61
Oakboro—Isaac Bradford, P. O, Box 77, Oakboro, N C	2 50
Oak Grove—W F Ratliff, Route 5, Rockingham, N C	2 00
Parsons Grove—A D Byrd, Lilesville, N C	5 00
Pleasant Hill—John Cason, Route 1, Morven, N C	2 09
Poplar Hill—J W Davis, Route , Polkton, N C	3 00
Poplar Springs—W E Davis, Route 2, Polkton, N. C.	6 00
Ramah Grove—Q S Sturdivant, Route 2, Cnesterfield, S C	6 00
Rockford E—L N Meachum, Wadesboro, N C	4 50
Rockford W—E M Tillman, Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	6 00
Sandy Ridge—M P Waring, Route 2, Morven, N C	3 50
Saron—R B McCoy, Route 2, Polkton, N C	4 25
Shankle Grove—A D Davis, Box 37, Shankle, N C	3 00
Timmonsville—W C Burch, Ruby, S C	3 25
Teal's Chapel—George Pratt, Route , Cheraw, S C	3 50
White Oak—R C Cox, Route 1, Box 132, Morven, N C	3 25
Mt. Moriah—J B Chambers, Marshville, N C	
St. Paul—Joseph Stevenson, Charlotte, N C	

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

CHURCHES	Represent'g Fee	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Ed.	Local Education	Aged Ministers	Total
Brown Creek	$ 6 84	25	25	1 50	50	25	1 00	10 60
Bethel	2 80	25	25	25	25	25	25	4 30
Cedar Creek	------	25	50	50	25	25	1 00	2 75
Chilson Grove	------	25	44	1 00	1 00	25	1 00	4 44
Chambers Grove	02	50	50	50	50	1 00	1 00	4 02
Cool Springs	------	25	25	50	25	25	50	2 00
Deep Creek	20 94	25	50	25	25	1 00	25	23 44
Ebenezer	78	50	50	50	50	50	52	3 80
Elizabeth M.	12 97	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	21 97
Elizabeth P. D.	------	50	50	3 00	56	50	50	5 56
Fletcher's Grove	5 38	50	50	.....	50	50	------	7 83
Flint Ridge	6 62	50	25	50	1 00	25	1 00	10 12
Friendship	4 15	25	25	1 00	25	25	25	6 39
Long Pine	2 91	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00	7 91
Madison Grove	1 39	1 90	50	3 10	1 00	50	1 50	9 89
Meltonsville	36 43	1 00	1 75	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	47 18
McLain Grove	2 69	50	25	25	25	1 00	76	5 70
Mt. Zion	1 58	50	.....	50	25	25	75	3 83
New Zion	4 47	50	25	1 25	25	25	50	7 47
New Grove	4 22	50	25	2 00	25	25	50	7 97
Nicy Grove	5 06	50	.....	50	50	50	1 00	8 06
Olive Branch	21	15	.....	.....	.....	15	42	93
Oakboro	------	15	25	25	25	25	25	1 40
Oak Grove	------	25	25	25	25	25	25	1 50
Parsons Grove	18 73	50	50	50	25	52	50	21 50
Pleasant Hill	1 01	50	25	.....	25	50	50	3 01
Poplar Hill	4 79	45	45	45	45	45	26	3 05
Poplar Springs	5 50	25	25	17 00	62	25	1 00	24 87
Ramah Grove	7 51	50	50	50	25	50	50	10 26
Rockford E	6 98	2 00	1 00	4 44	2 00	2 50	2 00	20 94
Rockford W	9 61	3 00	4 00	3 10	50	.....	2 00	22 21
Sandy Ridge	3 29	1 50	50	50	1 00	3 49	1 01	11 29
Saron	1 35	1 00	50	1 00	25	50	1 00	5 60
Shankle Grove	15	50	1 15	.....	25	50	75	3 30
Timmonsville	3 89	1 00	25	50	25	50	25	6 64
Teal's Chapel	------	25	25	25	25	25	25	1 50
White Oak	6 48	1 00	50	25	50	27	50	9 40
Mt. Moriah	98	50	25	50	25	25	50	3 23
St. Paul	15 75	25	50	50	50	50	50	18 50

Totals—Collected by Representation fee	$205.48	
" For State Missions	26.40	
" For Home Missions	24.04	
" Foreign Missions	51.09	
" Ministerial Education	19 38	
" Aged Ministers.	29.72	
" Local Education	22.73	
" From W. H. S.	15.00	
" By public collecti	176.94	
" Other collections	2.80	
Total from all sources -		$573.07

Respectfully submitted, Finance Committee

RECAPITULATION

Number of Churches on roll	39	
" of Ordained Ministers	51	
" of Baptisms this year	329	
" of Accessions this year	454	
" of Secessions this year	187	
Total membership	4880	
Net Gained	455	
Total amount raised by the churches		$14,749.06
Total amount raised by the S. S. & C.		537.62
Amount raised by Y. M. & W. C. A.		175.00
Amount raised by W. H. S.		325.00
Total receipts recorded -		$15,786.68
Total value of church property		60,000.00

Two churches are left out of this financial report because it was not on their church letter—St. Paul and Oak Grove.

Only six churches reported their Jubilee money, viz: Deep Creek $50.00; Ebenezer $11.00; Madison Grove $10.75; Fletcher's Grove $5.00; Meltonsville $6 0; Poplar Springs $21.00.

RULES OF DECORIUM

1st. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call on some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in writing whenever he deems necessary

2nd. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body, and discharge such duties as belonging to a Recording Secretary.

3rd. The members of the Association observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence the Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking should refrain from all such indecorious conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thoughts or feelings or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

4th. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who, while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative side of the report.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The Primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of the churches; to support the Gospel in destitute places among us; to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools whenever practicable: to raise contributions for State, Home & Foreign Missions; and to co-operate with the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all of its plans of Educational and Missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinances, and of the doctrine of regular Baptist denominations. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of this Association, and Messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, an Auditor an Executive Committee of seven, and an Ordaining Board. The Moderator, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute three members of the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair, and enforce order in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. He shall settle points of order; give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Art. 6. The Recording Secretary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

Art. 7. Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of all the Correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All Communications and appeals to the various churches of this field shall be sent by him. He shall be ex-officio Secretary to the Executive Committee.

Art. 8. The Treasurer of this Association shall be Treasurer of the Union Meeting. He shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this Association. He shall pay orders only when they are properly drawn and signed by the Moderator and Secretary. He shall give an annual report to this body, preceded by an examination and endorsement of the Auditor. He shall give bond to the full security of the Associational property in his hand.

Art. 9. The Executive Committee shall have full charge of the Association when it is not in session. They shall draw the plans of operation for the field approved by the Association. All claims on the Treasury of this body must be presented the Executive Committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the Corresponding Sec'y and Moderator, and shall make full report of their work to the Association through the Corresponding Secretary. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 10. The Ordaining Board shall have the supervision of the Ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all Applicants for ordination, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body. All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the Ordaining Board. The funds coming up to this Association for aged ministers shall be divided between such brethren as are recommended by the Ordaining Board.

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of seven (7) cents per capita for each of its members. (Said seven cents is also the representation fee into the various Union Meetings). Two fifths of which shall be used for general expenses, and three fifths for local education, and raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of the Association shall not be considered in good standing and not allowed to enroll 'till satisfaction is rendered to this body by such church.

Art. 12. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition, and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's word.

Art. 13. The members, convened in this Association, shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than 3 messengers from each church, with a letter, giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in October at eleven o'clock A. M., with an introductory sermon, and continue in session until business is completed. The Union Meeting shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday or as often as may deem practicable; and should there fail to be a place for a Union Meeting at the session, the Executive Commit-

tee shall find a location and notify the field immediately through the Corresponding Secretary.

Art. 15. No difficulty between churches or church shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church a member of this body that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the Minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or messengers two consecutive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such amendments shall be submitted on the first day of the sitting of the Association, and adopted on a subseqent day.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O.	Sabbath of Preaching
Bethel	W H Horne, Route 1, Morven, N C	3
Brown Creek	J E P Little, Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	3
Cedar Creek	B J Parsons, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	1
Chilson Grove	I S A Hilliard, Wadesboro, N C	4
Chambers Grove	E H Horne, Route 1, Box 116, Marshville, N C	2
Cool Springs	D A Spencer, Route 1, Morven, N C	4
Deep Creek	H I Quick, Rockingham, N C	2
Ebenezer	J C Covington. Route 4, Box 45, Red Springs, N C	2
Elizabeth M	P F Malloy, Monroe, N C	1-4
Elizabeth P D	J F Davis, Route 1, Wingate, N C	2
Fletcher's Grove	J W Diggs, Route 1, Pee Dee, N C	1-3
Flint Ridge	B B Sturdivant, Polkton, N C	2
Friendship	J W Hawkins, Monroe, N C	
Long Pine	J C Ellerbe, P O Box 215, Morven, N C	3
Madison Grove	W K Bennett, Cheraw, S C	4
Meltonsville	J E P Little, Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	4
McLain Grove	W L Butler, Chesterfield, S C	1
Mt. Zion	J C Ellerbee, P. O. Box 215, Morven, N C	4
New Zion	B J Parsons, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	
New Grove	W KBennett, Cheraw, S C	1
Nicy Grove	J C Ellerbee, P. O. Box 215, Morven, N C	1
Olive Branch	M C Little, Route 1, Morven, N C	3
Oakboro	M C Little, Route 1, Morven, N C	1
Oak Grove	W M Allen, Wadesboro, N C	
Parsons Grove	J W Hawkins, Monroe, N C	1
Pleasant Hill	J F Davis, Route 1, Wingate, N C	1
Poplar Hill	R Allen, Monroe, N C	3
Poplar Springs	J E P Little, Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	2
Ramah Grove	B J Parsons, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	2
Rockford E	J E P Little, Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	1
Rockford W	J C Ellerbee, Box 215, Morven, N C	2
Sandy Ridge	B B Sturdivant, Polkton, N C	3
Saron	J W Hawkins, Monroe, N C	3
Shankle Grove	J R Faison, Wadesboro, N C	2
Timmonsville		1
Teal's Chapel	A B Moore, McFarlan, N C	2-4
White Oak	B J Parsons, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	4
Mt. Moriah	J C Chambers, Route 1, Box 114, Marshville, N C	1
St Paul	P M Mayfield, Rock Hill. S C	2 4

FINANCIAL TABLE

Building or Repairs	Represent'g Fee	Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Miss ns	Minist'l Educ'tn	Local Education	Aged Ministers	Total Am't Sent	Sum Total Contributions and Expenses	Value of Church Property	Other Objects
	2 80	1 00		25	25	25	25	25	4 30	112 80	500 00	25
196 25	11 34	3 65	25	25	1 50	50	25	1 00	10 60	440 02	2500 00	7 02
	6 09	5 00	25	50	50	25	25	1 00	2 75	144 94	1900 00	
50 00	2 94	50	25	44	1 00	1 00	25	1 00	4 44		1500 00	
200 00	2 52	9 85	50	50	50	50	1 00	1 00	4 02	2100 00	2000 00	
35 00	98		25	25	50	25	25	50	2 00	382 58	700 00	
	34 51	20 28	18 22	50	25	25	25	1 00	23 44	519 70	4000 00	50 00
	3 78	1 00	50	50	50	50	50	50	3 80	269 11	1500 00	
116737	18 97	29 15	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	21 97	2110 84	7200 00	
272 50	1 75	5 00	5 00	50	20 00	56	50	50	5 56	492 90	2000 00	
	6 09	2 35	50	50	5 00	50	50		7 83	556 18	1200 00	14 50
32 15	11 62	9 48	50	50	50	1 00	50	1 00	10 12	245 13	1300 00	26 00
350 00	7 14	5 00		23 00	1 00	25	25	25	6 39	2000 00	736 14	25
	6 26	23 15	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00	7 91	181 35	1500 00	95
55 88	6 09	4 85	2 90	50	3 10	1 00	50	1 50	10 89	216 42	3000 00	10 75
58 32	38 43	55 50	1 00	1 75	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	47 18	567 92	1200 00	40 98
	4 69	25	50	25	25	25	1 00	75	5 70	180 66	1000 00	25
164 00	4 83	4 88	50	12 56	50	25	25	75	3 83	386 93	2500 00	15 85
128 31	8 47	14 37	50	25	2 00	25	25	50	7 46	264 80	1500 00	
	7 84	5 70	25	25	25			25	7 97	164 29	900 00	
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Preacher's and Deacon's Union.

Monroe, N. C., Oct. 14, 1919.

The Ministers and Deacon's Union met in its 7th annual session with the Friendship Baptist Church, according to adjournment. At 8 o'clock we sang hymn No. 879, and Rev J W Diggs led in prayer. Rev J C Ellerbee read the Scripture and made remarks. After which Rev R Allen spoke from the subject of "Should decency and industry be taught from the pulpit?" The speaker spoke in his usual interesting and elaborate manner. Collection $2.50. Benediction by Rev M C Little.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Rev J C Ellerbee, presiding. 1st hymn 349.Prayer by Bro. A D Richardson. Rev Ellerbee read 106 Ps. and made remarks. Prayer by Bro W M Cothin, and we sang No. 350. Prayer by Bro G W Baucum. After some remarks, we discussed the above subject, and raised a collection of $2.75.

REV J C ELLERBEE, Acting Moderator.

S. M. CHAPPEL, Acting Seeretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

Women's Missionary Convention

Held With the Elizabeth (M) Circle, Sept. 20-21, 1919

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Elizabeth M—Miss Ida Trull, Louise Jones
Parsons Grove—Miss Martha Byrd
New Zion—Miss Ruth Horne
Rockford E—Mrs Annie Martin, Miss Viola M Bennett

PROCEEDINGS

The Women's Convention met with the Elizabeth Circle of Monroe, N. C., today, in its 7th annual session. The Convention was called together by the President. Praise service was led by sisters Leviston and Ashcraft.

The first Division of the Psalms was read in concert. Prayer by sister Alice Jackson. "Show pitty Lord," etc., was sung. Prayer by sister Annie Cash.

Many short talks were made on the lesson led by sister May Fannie Little.

The President came forward and in her graceful manner, spoke words of encouragement to her sisters. Afterwards announced the house ready for business.

The following visitors were introduced: Miss Carrie Dabney, Miss Menevia Teir, Rev James Horne, Rev W M Cross, Mrs Lucy Thompson.

All made fine remarks on the lines of missions. Collection $4.00. God's blessings was asked on the offering by sister Nancy Lockhart. Benediction by Rev James Horne.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention was called together by singing "By and By," Sisters Lucy Thompson, Lizzie Boggan and Emma Thomas led the praise services. Scripture reading 90th Psalm in concert. Prayer by sister Eliza Thomas.

The President in her usual manner announced the Convention ready for business.

The program was taken up as follows:

Welcome addresses. On part of the Circle, Mrs. W. M. Nivens. On part of the W. I. C. Circle, Miss Eva Wesley. On part of Sunshine Band, Miss Loura Jones. Responses—Miss Ruth Horne, Mrs Martha Byrd, Mrs S L Davis.

The speaches were all spicy and full of timely thoughts and made us feel at home.

The Minutes of the last Union were read and approved.

The loeal Circles were called and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Sisters S L Davis, Cora B Horne and Alice Hilliard were appointed a Committee on Ftnance.

Sister Carrie Dabney, State Missionary for Women Home Mission Convention come before our Convention and spoke on organizing the field, which we all enjoyed,

Committees on Officers, Obituary, on Place were appointed.

The President asked for a collection. Amount $2.20.

God's blessings were asked on the offering by Sister Annie Cash. Benediction by Rev. Horne.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by singing.

Praise Services were conducted by Sisters M Bennett and M Fannie Little. "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung. Scripture Reading, Hebrews 4th Chapter. Prayer by Sister Alice Boggan. The Young People's Exercise were next taken up.

First was a chorus of seven little girls. Subject—"Raise The Hands."

The following little Misses recited recitations: Abigill Hasty, ————Thomas, Annie L Steverson. Solo by little Miss Ida Hasty. Essay by Miss Emma Thomas, Subject: "When God's Children are Knit Together".

Other Recitations by Misses Erwin Hasty and Harriet Little, Solos by Misses Ruby Johnson and Eva Wesley.

The President's Address was read and listened to with rapt attention. She chose for a subject "The Up Way Mark On The High Way". She easily carried the entire Convention with her as she swept along the path of life.

The subject of "What Can I Do To Extend Christ's Kingdom on Earth," was enthusiastically discussed. Many helpful things were brought out in the discussion and I am quite sure those who listened, left filled with the enthusiasm to do more for the cause of Christ in the future than in the past.

Collection $4.10. God's blessings were asked on the offering by Sister Tear, Benediction by Rev. Chappel.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The Convention was called to order by singing.

The praise services were conducted by sisters Viola Bennett and Tear. Sister Tear called for a revival of praise, of which there were many.

The Convention sang "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc. The second chapter of Revelations was read by the congregation, and was commented on by sister Tear. Many inspiring things were brought out of the lesson by those who participated. Our hearts were filled with good things and our souls rejoiced in the God of our salvation.

The President, in her graceful manner, opened the Convention for business. Call off for preaching.

The ministers ascended the rostrum and Rev R L Files of Winston-Salem lined C M hymn. Prayer by Rev Horne. "I will guide thee with mine eye" was sung. After which Rev Cross arose and announced as a text, Romans 1:16. "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

The speaker delivered his sermon with power.

He closed by singing "Get right with God."

Prayer by Rev S M Chapel. Collection $13.30. God's blessings were asked on the offering by sister Lucy Thompson. Benediction by Rev Files.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention was called to order by singing, led by Rev Cross. President announced the house ready for business.

The various committees made their reports. See elsewhere for reports.

After the reports of committees were in, Rev Files ascended the stand, accompanied by Revs Cross and Horne, to preach the missionary sermon.

Rev Cross lined hymn C. M., which was sung by the choir. Rev Files read Eph. 3rd chap. Prayer by Rev Cross.

Hymn No 409, "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," was sung by the choir. Rev Files took as a text Eph. 3:3. Subject: "Christ the head of the church, and the church the family." He said, in

part, that sin had separated us from God, and religion is the medium through which he uses to bring us back in union with him. He said many good things along the lines of faith and love, and while he spoke to us out of God's word, our hearts were made to rejoice. Music, "I will be there."

Revs Horne and Chapel were asked to lift the collection, which they did. Amount $17.00. God's blessings were asked on the offering by sister Nancy Lockhart. Handshake. Benediction by Rev Files.

Mrs. Annie C Robinson, Pres.
Mrs Martha Streater, Secretary.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

We, your committee on Obituary, beg leave to make the following report: It has pleased the Lord to take from our midst Mrs J R Faison, Mrs Ester Philips, Mary Burns and Sarah Ann Davis. We bow in submission to Him that doeth all things well.

Violet Bennett M. M. Tear,
Mary Ingram Committee

We, your Committee on Time and Place, wish to make the following report: That the Union meet with Rockford (E) church, two miles west of Wadesboro.

Signed, Committee

The finance committee reported that $104.00 had been raised in this Convention.

BOARD OF MANAGERS' REPORT ON DISBURSEMENTS.

Programs	$2.25
President, R. R. fare	7.70
Secretary, R. R. fare and work	4.62
Sister Boggan	1.30
Sister Robinson	2.56
Sister Lockhart	1.04
Sister Horne	1.04
Sister Little	1.82
Represent in State Convention	35.00
Delegate expenses to State Conpention	6.00
Sister Tear, Winston-Salem	9.00
Pres., for services	5.00
Rev Files, missionary sermon	20.00
Rev Cross, sermon	10.00
Zion Association	15.00
Total Disbursements	$122.33

STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Circles	Presidents	Secretaries	Postoffice	Members	Home Miss'ns	Foreign Miss'ns	Sent to Conv'n
Friendship	Odessa Livingston	Lizzie Ellis	Monroe, N C				$ 2.00
Brown Creek	Nannie Sturdivant	Lurely Sturdivant	Wadesboro, N C	12	$14.00		3.50
Old Zion	Hattie James	Lura Crump	Polkton, N C	15	10.00		1.50
New Grove	Alice Jackson	Illa Biles	Polkton, N C	4	7.00		2.50
Saron	Gillie Hailey	Lura Crump	Polkton, N C				1.00
Elizabeth, Monroe	Alice Hilliard	S M Ingram	Monroe, U C		625.69		15.00
New Zion	Anna Cash	Ida Polk	Peachland, N C	25	2.00		2.00
Nicy Grove	Mary Crowder	S L Davis	Wingate, N C	15	15.90		3.00
Elizabeth, Pee Dee	Henrietta Diggs	Emma Pratt	Pee Dee, N C		21.40		2.00
Parsons Grove	Annie Curlee	Ellen Ricketts	Lilesville, N C	30	16.72		5.40
Poplar Springs	Eliza Thomas	R W Curlee	Polkton, N C	20			3.00
Ebenezer	Fannie Little	Georgia Crowder	Wadesboro, N C	10			5.50
W. I. C. CIRCLE AND SUNSHINE BANDS							
Parsons Grove, W. I. C.	Nellie Hailey	Martha Byrd	Litesville, N C				80
New Zion S. S.	Estelle McLeddon	Ruth Horne	Peachland, N C	50	17 00		
Ebenezer W. I. C.	Ida Richardson	Mary Thomas	Wadesboro, N C	6			60
Parsons Grove S. S.	Miss Ida Hasty Mother		Monroe, N C				1.00
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